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his letter to President McKinley, as office.

"Executive Chamber, "Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 28, 1899. Hawalian Islands.

"While in the cases of other vacancies in official positions of this govern- incapacity. ment I have followed the practice of ment for our present system, to refer the matter to you for your instructions

in case you should desire to give any.
"Judge Judd has been incapacitated by illness from attending to his official Attorney Long, associated with Maduties for a good part of a year and has resigned, as I understand, because of that alone. His absence from judicial work has, to some extent, been an inconvenience to proceedings in the Supreme Court.

filled without unnecessary delay. "I have not accepted his resignation as yet, as that would embarrass the qualify a plain, simple and unqualified Your choice in quantities to suit at status of the Court, there being legal resignation would be without authority provision for temporarily filling the and without parallel. It anybody were place of an absent justice, but none able to write his full intentions in a providing for an absolute vacancy, ex-

"It is desirable that the place be

cept by permanent appointment. "Judge Judd's address at present is Clifton Springs, New York. "I am, Mr. President, most respect-

To the President of the United States, While Magoon and Long are the at-

torneys for Bush and others, the plainer lawyers were invited to speak yes-

terday by the Court. would be as incompetent in this Court affidavit. Also to the part of the affi- sible." davit which speaks about 'instructions given me by my father since he wrote tion; that on the occasion of the writ-

ask that that letter be produced in evidence and that that part of the affi-davit be not received by this Court on the ground that if there is any such duct was in keeping with his declaraletter it should be produced. I object to the further statement in here that he has not received from his father 'any intimation that his resignation was intended to take effect or that he desired that it should take effect except upon the appointment of his successor,' as inconsistent with the facts as hereinbefore set forth. I also object generally on the ground that it is irrelevant, incompetent and immate-

rial, on the ground that it is hearsay and that it is not the best evidence and on the grounds before stated. Also on the ground that it directly contradicts his resignation, which the Court must and let the Court decide. The Repubconstrue by the terms of the resigna- lie is satisfied to take the Court as now tion itself. It cannot be contradicted by parole testimony."

Attorney A. S. Humphreys coincided with Attorney Gear, and the Court said that the best course would be to have very strong case." the affidavits filed and received, subject to the objections as to how far the evidence was relevant. The affidavit of will be strongly hinted to him that he nal objection to this affidavit that it is ncompetent, irrelevant and immateial. The question of whether he drew his salary or not is immaterial and it cannot affect his resignation. And, further, that at'the time he was supposed to have given his power of atorney he was not competent to give t, having been incapacitated by seri-

Humphreys said; "I desire, in order hat I may get my contentions before he Court, to state on behalf of my clients that I shall contend that there is an absolute resignation without reference to its acceptance. I shall contend fur hermore that there has been an aban lonment of the office, and shall contend furthermore that the office is vacant by reason of the maaniy of the Chief Justice, as provided in Article 44 of the Constitution; which insanity we will offer evidence on, shall further contend that that power of attorney is absolutely vold, having been given by an insane man; and if he was not insane when it was given, it has become void, as he has since become insane, which fact absolutely revokes it, and those payments are absolutely illegal."

Attorney Magoon said that he did not attack the position of the Chief Justice on the ground of incapacity. He would not consent to such an attack as far as his client was concerned. He would withdraw his objection to the makeup of the Court if this point was pressed. He was content to reply on the sole argument of the effectiveness of the resignation. Magoon quotes paragraph 2 of section 1 of Article 90 of the Constitution, which provides that impeachment of the Chief Justice for incapacity, among other things, shall be done by the House of

Representatives. Humphreys said that he had no in-tention to "attack the Chief Justice. There was no impropriety in recognizing the fact that the hand of God had been laid on the former high magis-

Justice Frear asked for discussion on the preliminary question of the com-petence of the documentary evidence ffered, beside the resignation. Attorney General Cooper said that the Government which he represented was sat-

ONE-SIDE ARGUMENT Court. Gear wanted to be informed as to what position he and Humphreys stood in. They claimed the right to object on the ground of the Chief Justice's incapacity. Even if the resignation were not effective, they held was handed him. This is proved by the Chief Justice had abandoned his

Magoon said "I do not consider it necessary to inquire whether the Chief Justice abandoned his office. I would "Mr. President: Yesterday I re- consider the decisions of this Court valceived Mr. Judd's resignation as Chief id if it could be shown that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Justice has not resigned. I am therefore opposed to any attempt at establishing the fact of the Chief Justice's

Gear said he would let the point go making appointments subject to your in this case and bring it up again in authority, I have preferred in this mat- one of his own cases. The Court ter, considering the importance of the might in the meanwhile render a deposition and the prospect of an early cision in the matter of the resignation. substitution of a new form of govern- Justice Frear consulted with his colleagues and announced that the Court thought it best to consider the case on

goon as counsel for Bush, then began his argument for his clients. He took up first the documentary evidence as to the legality of the Court, and said:

"Did the endorsement by President Dole vacate the office of Chief Justice Was there anything left to do or be performed to make the resignation complete? No. Parole evidence to resignation it ought to be the Chief Justice, who was a man experienced not merely in ordinary business but the administration of law."

Long said that he would anticipate his adversaries-if there were any-by quoting a decision from 8 Hawaiian in the case of The Queen against John

Costa and Anna Costa. "This was written by Chief Justice Judd and joined in by Justices S. B. tiffs in the particular case on trial, oth- Dole and R. F. Bickerton. The question was the validity of indictments presented by W. A. Whiting, commis-Attorney George D. Gear attacked sloned as Deputy Attorney General by the affidavit of the Chief Justice's son, Attorney General Creighton after the and said: "The resignation speaks for Cabinet to which the latter belonged itself and any effort to contradict it had resigned under a vote of want of confidence by the Legislature. The resor any court of law. Here especially ignations were dated December 1, but it is inadmissible in that it seeks to the new Cabinet of Queen Liliuokalani place before this Court evidence as to only took office on December 8, 1892. what was in certain letters. If there The decision upheld the theory that have been letters of that kind written the machinery of government could not the letters are the best evidence. The be allowed to stop, and in that case affidavit seeks to state his father's in- the acts of the Attorney General were tentions, which cannot be set forth in held valid between his resignation and the way he has attempted. That 'it the appointment of his successor. Yet was his understanding of the law that the Court intimated that the acceptis resignation would take effect only ance of a resignation was not essential apon the appointment of his successor, to its completeness. It only went so hat he so intended it and that words to far on the other side as to say that it that effect would be merely superflu- was the duty of the sovereign to apous.' I object to all that part of the point her Ministers as soon as pos-

Long said that the present case had not the same basis as that quoted in his letter of resignation' and 'reiter- 8 Hawaiian. "There would be much inthe Supreme Court lasting a few Crockery, Glass, Lamps, Hous eFIT ing of his letter of resignation 1 draft of the machinery of the Government of his resignation was to take effect upon in general." He argued for many minhis resignation was to take effect upon utes in this strain. Attorney General utes in this strain. Cooper kept out of sight much of the time. When he did drop into Court it was with languid eye and ear. His contions that the Government declined to meet the objections of the counsel. Judge Whiting toward the close of the session called him sharply to task. The Associate Chief Justice wanted to know the Government's views, and was apparently much astonished by the people's attorney's inaction. "You are for the defense in this case," said

Justice Whiting, "and should answer." Cooper looked blank and answered lamely that he was willing to submit to the Court's finding. "As a friend of the Court," said the Attorney General, "we are willing to be shut out constituted. If our Department can be of service in this case, though, we are willing to aid, but will need time. The opposing counsel have presented a

Cooper's attitude was not relished by the Bench. It is probable that it the Auditor General was then filed, must work a trifle for the Governwhen Gear resumed: "I make the for- ment's side, and forget his own longings. The bar wonders at his inertness and winks its eye. Today there will be further argument.

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